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Dear Jim,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, too. And many thanks for the book of poetry. Can't tell you how much I admire anyone who can write poetry. It is an art form I have never appreciated properly and I have always felt a little culturally deprived because of it. Perhaps the inspiration of reading yours will help fill that void. Many thanks.

STAT I, too, was very sorry to see [redacted] leave us. He did encounter a most frustrating experience. I wish I could have threaded our way through the bureaucratic labyrinth more quickly and delicately. It was just a pathway lined with land mines I'm afraid. I do hope that won't bring your association with us and your support to me personally to a close. I'll look for opportunities to call on you through and with our appropriate people in the command and control area.

In the meantime, all the best.

Yours,



STAT STANSFIELD TURNER

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